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Dear Phil,

You are right. I am shocked to learn that Bob Livingston's 19-year old son committed suicide.

Maybe it will shock you to know that I did not know whether Bob had any kids, never met any or his wife. On some occasions Bob was kind and thoughtful, and I appreciated it. Once, maybe twice, he took me and others to a good Mexican restaurant in West Memphis. He saw me drinking inexpensive Scotch in the motel room and he bought me a bottle of Chivas Regal. Thexe are nice gestures. But his family was in on nothing of the case.

I doubt Ray could give the answers to the right questions if Rather asked then, which would be to assume that he knows them. I do not know but I've heard that the filming ran two hours. Forgot my source. Not Ray or from him.

Bob's opportunity: to do what a good local lawyer could have done with an open and shut case. He was less than no help, between us. I have trouble believing he is an inept as he showed himself to be. I don't know the answer.

Clips, as always, helpful. Thanks.

In Washington all day. Too late tonight to call Tn net. Name Don Spain seems familiar. In a.m. European TV crew to be here all day so I probably won t get to call him tomorrow. After then, with two new days of accumulation ton the many stack, I hope I don't forget. Kersahw can't be much, as a pe son or as a lawyer, to do what he is now doing.

But I have no reason not to believe the report that the desparate and ignorant and pre-judging committee will question Ray this week, through the staff. All that means is that Ray has even less protection.

kershaw has show no disposition to protect his client, if he has the interest.

My guess is that his purposes are personal, beginning with free advertising.

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